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FORCONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	08/945,144
Filing Date	October 14, 1997
First Named Inventor	LeBrun, Michael
Group Art Unit	1638
Examiner Name	Kruse, D.
Attorney Docket Number	RP/PCT (5500*13)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice , Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a.  Previously submitted  
 i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).  
 ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
 iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_ 05/15/2001 SDENB0B1 00000004 08945144
- b.  Enclosed  
 i.  Amendment/Reply 01 FC:179 710.00 0P  
 ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)  
 iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)  
 iv.  Other Extension of Time (3 mo.)

## 2. Miscellaneous

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-2775  
 i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)  
 ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)  
 iii.  Other Any other fees not covered by check for \$1,600.00
- b.  Check in the amount of \$ 1,600.00 enclosed (\$710.00 + \$890.00)  
 c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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